

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2008

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Gretchen Duffield, Treasurer Harold Klei, Russell Holden, Peter Lewis,

Absent: Tracy Tibedo, Al Jones, Dave Lewcon

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no new or continued public hearings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Departmental updates (discussion). The Commission has not yet received information from the Finance Director relative to the requested transfer of \$10,000 from the wetlands filing fees. The Commission is concerned that a part time position may not be attractive to a professional candidate, and therefore additional funding may be warranted. Planning Director Megan DiPrete indicated she would coordinate feedback from Mr. Genereaux in advance of the next meeting.

Ms. DiPrete discussed the staff transition activity. The position is considered essential, however, and there is every intention of filling it with a professional level person. The Town is also investigating the possibility of "regionalization" or sharing the position with another community. The Town Manager's budget has just been issued. Ms. DiPrete indicated her understanding that the TM's proposal maintains funding for a part time professional Conservation Administrator. In the absence of a person in the Conservation Administrator position, Ms. DiPrete will ensure staff support through herself and/or others.

DEP file 312-506, Request for Certificate of Compliance. Motion by Mr. Klei to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP file 312-506. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried unanimously

Stormwater Management (discussion). Ms. DiPrete reviewed the town's stormwater management plan, which calls for adoption of bylaws 2-3 years ago, in advance of the March 08 EPA deadline. A draft warrant article/bylaw proposal was distributed and discussed. Ms. DiPrete indicated that the Stormwater Committee is now working to develop a proposed set of Regulations for the Commission's consideration.

The Pout Pond Land Use Management subcommittee will meet on March 24

Motion by Mr. Klei to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,